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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Clarification on Requesting Imagery Analysis Assistance

REFERENCES : (a) My Memo, Subject: Requesting Imagery Analysis Assistance, OIA-90/78, Dated 20 October 1978

: (b) Memorandum from Chief, RES/NFAC, Subject: CIA Requirements for Detailed Imagery Exploitation and Graphics Support, Dated 31 July 1978,

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1. My memorandum of 20 October 1978 (ref a) discussed changes in the procedure you, or analysts in your component, use to request imagery analysis assistance from the Office of Imagery Analysis. In paragraph 4 of that memorandum I made a broad-brush attempt to differentiate between the type of imagery analysis assistance provided to NFAC analysts by OIA, and the type of imagery support which NPIC provides the intelligence community. The NFAC Requirements and Evaluation Staff (RES) has expressed its concern that this paragraph provides incorrect guidance to NFAC offices.


2. Specifically, at about the middle of paragraph 4, I wrote: "As is now the case, requests for immediate readouts of missions or large area searches should go directly to NPIC." The word "directly" seems to be the problem -- RES points out that analysts cannot deal directly with NPIC on first and second phase exploitation requirements since such requirements are instituted via the COMIREX Automated Management System, and analysts do not have access to CAMS. Thus, these requirements must go to RES for implementation. Additionally, analysts should not levy "search" requirements directly on NPIC, as this is an EXSUBCOM function. "Search" requirements should be surfaced in EXSUBCOM by the CIA member.

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3. The proper procedures for levying requirements on NPIC, and the role of RES in the institution of requirements are specified in an attachment (Memo, Subject: "Procedures for Handling CIA Requirements for Detailed Imagery Exploitation and Certain Other Services, Dated 31 July 1978) to the memorandum of 31 July 1978 from the Chief, RES/NFAC (ref b).

4. The 20 October memorandum was meant to address only the changes in the procedure for requesting imagery analysis assistance from OIA. I hope this memorandum will rectify any confusion which may have been generated with respect to NPIC requirements.

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